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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that DeAnn Taft, 47, Dubuque, Iowa, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to two years probation and ordered to pay \$1740 in restitution for misappropriation of postal funds.

Taft was indicted on October 25, 2006. She admitted to Postal Inspectors that she had taken money belonging to the Postal Service for her own use, while employed at the U.S. Post Office in Kieler, Wisconsin.

The charge against Taft was the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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